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Dear Interested Public,

In keeping with the Administration's goal of promoting American energy independence, the Bureau of Land Management will offer eight parcels, totaling approximately 7,590.5 acres in the Battle Mountain District, at its September 17, 2019, competitive geothermal lease sale. This notice initiates a public comment period on associated environmental documents that ends on July 29, 2019. The BLM will hold the lease sale online at www.energynet.com.

Responsible energy development includes consideration of parcels nominated for leasing as well as potential resource impacts for each parcel. Additional environmental review will take place during processing of a Geothermal drilling permit, when site-specific Conditions of Approval will be placed on the permit in addition to the stipulations attached to the lease.

The EA can be viewed on the BLM NEPA Register website at <a href="https://go.usa.gov/xy93w">https://go.usa.gov/xy93w</a>. Written comments will be accepted until July 29, 2019, and can be submitted online at the NEPA Register site; or mailed to the BLM Battle Mountain District Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, NV 89820, or to the Tonopah Field Office at P.O Box 911, Tonopah, NV 89049; or emailed to: <a href="mailed-block">BLM NV BMDO 2019 0020@blm.gov</a>.

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A map of proposed lease parcels is enclosed. If you have questions please contact Melissa Jennings, Geologist or Perry Wickham, Field Manager, at (775) 482-7800.

Sincerely

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Enclosure: Overview map of proposed lease parcels

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land located primarily in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. Diverse activities authorized on these lands generated \$96 billion in sales of goods and services throughout the American economy in fiscal year 2017. These activities supported more than 468,000 jobs.

